



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of **BURKE ET AL.**)
) Group Art Unit: 2881
Serial Number **09/717,070**)
) Examiner: N/A
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For: **ADHESIVE LABEL WITH GRID FOR MICROSCOPE SLIDE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. patent application, kindly amend the application in accordance with the following particulars:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-7 in their entirety, without prejudice or disclaimer, and substitute new claims 8-12 therefor as follows:

8. (New) A microscope slide in combination with a self-adhesive label comprising:
a microscope slide having a front face upon which, in use, a sample to be analysed is deposited, and a rear face; and
a label including indicia means comprising at least one alpha-numeric grid wherein, when said label is attached, in use, to the rear face of said microscope slide, said at least one alpha-numeric grid is visible when viewed through said front face of said microscope slide and wherein said at least one alpha-numeric grid comprises an 8x12 array.